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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

To: WE/BC/C for preparation
of reply

SUBJECT : Answers to Questions from Canadian Authorities on RAUS

REFERENCE: American Embassy Ottawa
Telegram 1520, dated 9 May 1966

I have obtained answers to questions 1 and 3 by telephone from RAUS. (He will provide me with a written report at a later date.) Answers to questions 2 and 4 are also suggested.

Question #1: Was RAUS ever in Canada and if so, what was his status (i.e., was he in the employ of CIA) at the time?

Answer #1: Juri RAUS has visited Canada once, on official business for the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce, to Toronto on June 23-25, 1965. While in Toronto he met privately and separately with two friends of Estonian origin. These meetings were not in connection with CIA business or activities and were not at the request of CIA.

Question #2: RAUS' lawyers have been in touch with Mrs. HEINE or her lawyers regarding the possibility of a settlement of the case out of court; are RAUS' lawyers who had been in touch paid for by CIA?

Answer #2: RAUS' lawyers have not been in touch with Mrs. HEINE or her lawyers regarding settlement. A possible settlement was discussed informally at one time with HEINE's lawyers in Washington. RAUS' lawyers were retained by RAUS and are responsive to him.

Question #3: Has there ever been any contact by CIA representatives either by letter or by interview in Canada with members of the Estonia emigre group. Although it would not be of concern to Canada they would also like to know whether there has been any such contact in the United States.

Answer #3: RAUS has been in occasional correspondence with the two friends (mentioned above) in Toronto during 1965. This correspondence was not at CIA instigation nor was it reported to CIA. There have been no other contacts by CIA representatives with Estonian emigre groups in Canada.

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Question #4: Is any CIA employee on a sabbatical studying the Estonian minority here in Canada?

Answer #4: No.

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